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s. No.	Name of the Project	Cost (ln crores)	Target date	Remarks
4.	Yeshwantpur- Tumkur (64 km)	91.82	Not fixed	CCEA clearance has been received and work has been started.
5.	Bangalore-Whitefield Bangalore City- Krishnarajapuram Quadrupling	85.00	Not fixed	CCEA clearance yet to be received for which action has been initiated.

Renewal of Obsolete Railway Tracks

346. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 11000 km. of railway tracks are obsolete and need renewal, to achieve enhanced safety;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;
- (c) whether any plan has been prepared to generate resources to complete the renewal work within a time frame; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. 11928 km. of Broad gauge and 4699 km. of Metre gauge and Narrow gauge track was due renewal as on 1-4-2000.

(b) The Zone wise details of such track due renewal are as under:—

S. No.	Name of the Zonal Railway	Track due renewal as on 1-4-2000 (in kms.)		
		Broad gauge	Metre/Narrow gauge	
1	Central Railway	1762	10	
2	Eastern Railway	1165	114	

S. No	Name of the Zonal Railway	Track due 1-4-200C	renewal as on 1 (in kms.)
		Broad gauge	Metre/Narrow gauge
3	Northern Railway	3414	350
4	North Eastern Railway	317	499
5	Northeast Frontier Railway	61	478
6	Southern Railway	494	606
7	South Central Railway	1359	346
8	South Eastern Railway	2232	481
9	Western Railway	1124	1815
	Total	11928	4699

(c) and (d) Efforts to generate additional resources is a continuous process. Sustained efforts are being made to obtain additioal budgetary resources from the Union Exchequer. Railways are also making efforts to generate resources from non-traditional sources like commercial utilisation of land and air space, leasing of railways' right-of-way for laying optical Fibre Cable etc.

Rail Revenue from Transportation of Materials in Karnataka

347. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total revenue earned by Railways by transportation of iron ore, coal and other materials from Bellary, Hospet and Sandur Regions in Karnataka during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, upto the end of January, 2001; and
- (b) the amount spent by Railways for developmental works in the above region during the above periods?